

and dread any excitement or fatigue. I am very much relieved to know that you are to keep your place as Librarian. It makes the way clear for you for another year and I am thankful. Of course we don't feel any more at liberty to spend even if there should be some left in nursery business this year. I am willing to hear any thing you may have to say about Joe and have no same subjects great respect for your opinions, but we will leave all that till you come home. Papa says tell you the fare on ~~R. R.~~ from Miles is now reduced to \$1.15 to Oakland. Let us know if you will come Friday eve or Sat. morn. Shall be glad to see Rhoda but ~~should~~

think she would rather come where she can stay longer. The strawberries will be most washing. If I mashed them they would not carry so well. Dear Millie I wanted send along a bottle of cream but the postal law forbids sending liquids by mail. Miles is the ~~it~~ strawberry edge. I am very sure there is nothing in the vegetable line that is silver the florists call any leaves that have white var (I believe I don't know how to spell that word, guess I better say) spots; argent. It seems to me your matto would be prettier and if you would cut out the U. C from gold paper, and the 79. from silver paper and then sprinkle ^{blue} flowers all over both not thick enough to hide the silver and gold. You could make little holes in the paper and put the stems through and have some letters cut out of paste board and

Tuesday
and helped me pick them and
bit the ~~host~~

days to
and Mrs. Sill
that if
it would
be pleasant
for her
to come
up and
give the gold and silver
letters on to the paste board ones
after the flowers were put in.
This would hold them in
place. If you would like
I can send you a quantity
of blue *Lakeelia* for that use.
If you do not like the idea
I can think of nothing so
good as the back side of
some of those fern leaves
As to your poem all I can
say is, don't worry over it,
such things generally come
out all right and one is sure
to wonder afterwards that
they could have got themselves
into such a state of mind.

As to what Mrs. Sill said on
the boat of Lebo, it was very
absurd of you to try to assume
the responsibility. I always

Miss Anna.

thought

it quite enough for a person
to be accountable for their own
tongue without being responsible
for anybody else's. However I have
lived long enough and been
through with scares enough of
that kind to be willing almost
to insure that nothing unpleasant
would come of it. When one's
luck is turned and the rattle
of the cars added a person in
the next seat hears very little
and Mrs. Sill never talks loud

I must say I think it was
rude for Mrs. Sill not to
reply to my invitation, a postal
written by any member of the
family would have been all
sufficient; but it doesn't matter
I shall not lay it to heart. As
to coming down I do not expect
to go down. I am not very well



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